

JAPAN EXPLAINS TO GREAT BRITAIN

Note About Demands on China Relieves Apprehension in London.

SETTLEMENT IS EXPECTED

Washington Has Word From Peking That Japan Has Increased Demands, but No Official Report Is Received.

WASHINGTON, April 26.—The Japanese government has given to Great Britain a detailed explanation of the demands made on China, which, according to information obtainable here, is said to have relieved apprehensions in London as to the scope of the Japanese policy in China.

The report today from Peking that the conferences had been resumed and that Japan now had presented 24 demands, including the 21 originally made, was received with much interest in Washington, but officials had no advice from the Chinese capital of any character. The last dispatches received last Saturday indicated that the conference would not resume for some time.

Official Report Expected. It was expected that American Minister Rehnold probably would report tomorrow the result of the renewal of the parleys.

Neither the Japanese Embassy nor any of the other diplomatic missions concerned in the negotiations were advised of the situation at Peking today. From a knowledge of previous conferences, however, it was suggested in some quarters that Japan might have asked for an acceptance in principle of her demands, leaving details to the future.

It was recalled that early in February such a proposal by Japan met with a flat rejection.

Now that the subject has been discussed with Great Britain, the United States and other powers, some observers think Japan may have renewed the plan to obtain China's approval in principle to the demands. With such an acceptance it is thought that Japan might not be disposed to press for a detailed agreement on many of the points, preferring to have the present negotiations stand as an expression to the world of Japan's interests in China.

OPEN DOOR IS PLEDGED

Count Okuma, Japanese minister, has promised that the Japanese government will "open an open door policy" to the United States, and that the Japanese government will "open an open door policy" to the United States, and that the Japanese government will "open an open door policy" to the United States.

Count Okuma replied, "It is important to consider the causes which have led to the disturbance of the relations between Japan and the United States. These are chiefly two—first, the immigration question, and second, the Manchurian situation.

"Practically all of the friction that has arisen in America has grown out of one phase or another of the immigration question. That situation is improving somewhat and is one that I hope will solve satisfactorily to both countries. It is a question which from its nature requires time for solution.

"The United States has had other such questions with other nations, which have always been solved by time, and so I hope for a similar solution of this question. There are now about 80,000 Japanese in the United States—that is, in the mainland territory—and as many, or perhaps a few more, in Hawaii.

"This is a smaller number than were in the United States at the time the so-called gentlemen's agreement was concluded. Since that time more Japanese have come home from the United States than have gone there and the number in your country has been steadily reduced.

service is universal and compulsory in Japan.

"But the same influences that are operating to reduce the number of Japanese in the United States are at work in Hawaii, and I hope that time will solve this problem also.

Manchurian History Recalled. "Now as to the Manchurian question. After the Boxer outbreak in 1900 Japan, Great Britain and other nations joined with the United States in support of the principle of the open door, equal opportunity, and the maintenance of the integrity of China. Then came the Russian advance in Manchuria.

"Japan joined with the United States, Great Britain and other nations in doing there, but Japan was the only nation that went so far as to resist by force. After the war with Russia Japan naturally occupied a strong position in Manchuria.

"There have been complaints, especially loud and numerous from America, that the actions of Japan in Manchuria were closing the door and destroying the principle of equal opportunity. But these complaints are not well founded. There has been nothing discriminatory in what Japan has done in Manchuria. The citizens of all nations are treated alike and American merchants and business men have exactly the same opportunities that Japanese have. They can do exactly as the Japanese do if they so desire.

"I think the great difficulty has been that Americans are too far from the scene of operations and they have desired to give the time and attention to business in detail in Manchuria which is necessary to obtain success there. Citizens of other countries obtain successful there, and especially Germans.

Door Has Not Been Closed. "These complaints about the Manchurian situation have been gradually dying down, and the conditions there are improving. If Americans have lost trade in Manchuria, it has been due to the causes I have explained and not to the fact that the opportunity is not equal to them or that the door has been closed.

"With these two disturbing causes—the immigration and Manchurian questions—out of the way there should be a material improvement in the relations between the United States and Japan. There is no real ground for apprehension, no real cause for alarm, Japan's economic interests lie close at home, and that fact is well understood here. The United States is the best customer, and Japan is a good customer of the United States.

"Trade in its infancy, China is a great market, with great possibilities of development. It is important that Japan should develop her trade with China, and for that Japan has certain natural advantages. There is a geographical, political and racial similarity of interests.

CHINESE APPEAL FOR HELP

Heads of Six Companies Ask America to See to Fair Play. SAN FRANCISCO, April 26.—The State Department was asked today to see that the Chinese republic shall have fair play in the negotiations with Japan, and to secure for China protection, in a letter sent to Secretary Bryan by the Chinese six companies. The letter is signed by the presidents of the six companies, which are said to have a membership of 50,000 Chinese in North and South America.

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DELAYED BLAST KILLS TWO

Ten Injured in Explosion Work on California Western Road.

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BLAME IS DIVIDED

Jury at Creswell Refuses to Exonerate Trainmen.

DRIVER OF CAR IS DEAD

Funeral of Four Children to Be Held Jointly Today and All Business Will Be Suspended During Services.

EUGENE, Or., April 26.—(Special.)—The coroner's jury investigating the killing of five persons by the Shasta Limited yesterday, in its report today refused to determine the responsibility for the accident. Individual members declared they were inclined to blame both the driver of the motor car and the train crew, the former for failing to watch for the train before driving on the tracks. They refused to exonerate the railroad of blame because the fireman was not at his position in the cab.

of the accident. The customary speed of the Shasta Limited is said to be 50 miles an hour, according to the engineer. The train slowed down to 12 miles an hour, according to the testimony, passing through Creswell, a short distance beyond the scene of the accident.

The mail clerk testified that he had gone to the door on the left side to receive a mail pouch at Creswell, and saw the automobile filled with children approach, and witnessed the crash. He turned away, he said, unable to view the spectacle, and heard the crash of glass and parts of the car shower over the roof of his steel car.

When the train stopped because of the hot box the trainmen were told of the accident, and upon looking at the pilot found fragments of the bodies and parts of the automobile on the engine. Then the train proceeded to Eugene where a report of the accident was filed.

"I instructed the jury to indicate who was to blame for the accident," said Coroner Veatch today, "but the members would not do so. They were inclined to divide the blame and they refused to exonerate the train officials.

All Creswell will take part tomorrow in the funeral of the four children killed Sunday. All business will be suspended during the services which will begin at 10 o'clock. A joint funeral will be held for the children. Afterward the body of little Beulah Morris will be taken to Walker Station, six miles south, for burial, and George Robinette, Dorris Trainor and Vincent Trainor, will be buried in the cemetery west of Creswell. The funeral of F. E. Sly will be held Wednesday.

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